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Remarks/Arguments:

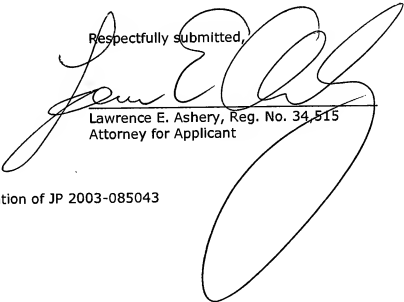
Claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0007346 (Qiu et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 7,225, 164 (Candelore et al.) in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0020784 (Jonker et al.).

In response, Applicant is submitting a Verified Translation of its priority application JP 2003-085043 with a filing date of March 26, 2003. Applicant's priority date precedes the PCT filing date of Jonker, which is September 17, 2003. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The remaining claims have been rejected based on the references above in view of further references. The remaining claims, however, are dependent upon Applicant's independent claims and are thus allowable in view of Applicant's submission of a Verified Translation of the priority application.

This application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment: Verified Translation of JP 2003-085043

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